Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method for localization of a Java <u>computer software</u> application, comprising:

locating a plurality of localizable variables of a class using a custom class loader; finding a corresponding resource file for a current language for each localizable variable by searching variables with predefined prefix;

calculating a key for each localizable variable by deleting the prefix and combining a class name and a variable name;

finding a localized string in the resource file corresponding to each key; and assigning the localized string to the corresponding localizable variable of the class, wherein the custom class loader provides localization of the class during class loading.

- 2. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising: creating an instance of the custom class loader using a launcher; requesting an application startup class from the custom class loader; returning a localized version of the application startup class; and running the application startup class using a reflection application programming interface (API).
- 3. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising loading resource files of the class from a storage device using the custom class loader.
- 4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising: loading the class from a bootstrap class loader; and passing a localized class to a Java virtual machine.
- 5. (currently amended): An apparatus for localization of a Java computer software application, comprising:

a custom class loader capable of inspecting codes of the application, <u>finding a corresponding resource file for a current language for each localizable variable by searching variables with predefined prefix</u>, <u>calculating a key for each localizable variable by deleting the prefix and combining a class name and a variable name</u>, and converting strings of a class to localized strings during class loading, thereby providing localization of the class during class loading;

a reflection application programming interface (API) capable of obtaining descriptors of variables of the class; and

a launcher capable of creating an instance of the custom class loader and running an application startup class using the reflection API.

- 6. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the custom class loader is a subclass of a Java language class loader.
- 7. (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the custom class loader locates the plurality of localizable variables of the class.
- 8-9. (cancelled).
- 10. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 9 7, wherein the custom class loader finds a localized string in the resource file corresponding to each key.
- 11. (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the custom class loader assigns the localized string to the corresponding localizable variable of the class.
- 12. (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the custom class loader loads the class from a bootstrap class loader.
- 13. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the custom class loader passes a localized class to a Java virtual machine.
- 14. (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the launcher creates an instance of the custom class loader.

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- 15. (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the launcher requests an application startup class from the custom class loader, wherein the custom class loader returns a localized version of the application startup class.
- 16. (original): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the custom class loader runs the application startup class using a reflection application programming interface (API).
- 17. (currently amended): A computer readable medium providing instructions for localization of a Java computer software application, the instructions comprising:

locating a plurality of localizable variables of a class using a custom class loader; finding a corresponding resource file for a current language for each localizable variable by searching variables with predefined prefix;

calculating a key for each localizable variable by deleting the prefix and combining a class name and a variable name;

finding a localized string in the resource file corresponding to each key; and assigning the localized string to the corresponding localizable variable of the class, wherein the custom class loader provides localization of the class during class loading.

18. (original): The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising instructions for:

creating an instance of the custom class loader using a launcher;
requesting an application startup class from the custom class loader;
returning a localized version of the application startup class; and
running the application startup class using a reflection application programming
interface (API).

- 19. (original): The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising instructions for loading resource files of the class from a storage device using the custom class loader.
- 20. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising instructions for:

loading the class from a bootstrap class loader; and

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passing a localized class to a Java virtual machine.